



Use this checklist to help you through the final stages of your planning process. It details the steps you may want to consider when reviewing your plans.

12 – 18  
MONTHS  
BEFORE  
RETIREMENT

- Review potential retirement expenses (use the Fidelity Tools at [www.401k.com](http://www.401k.com) for assistance with planning).
- Check your 401(k) account and other savings accounts to ensure that your asset allocation is in line with your investment goals, risk tolerance and investment time horizon.
- Check your group life and 401(k) beneficiary information online and update it, if necessary.
- Estimate your defined benefit pension on [Arkema Benefits Online](#) (if applicable).
- Create a post-retirement budget to determine what your income needs will be in retirement.
- Consider organizing current finances, including a will and estate plan, and paying off major debts.
- Consider how future large purchases, such as a car, appliances or home renovations, will be financed.

9 – 12  
MONTHS  
BEFORE  
RETIREMENT

- Assess your initial retirement budget progress and take a financial inventory – including all sources of retirement income.
- Review your estate planning: update wills, trusts and powers of attorney.
- Determine your retirement date and talk to your supervisor.
- Review Pre-65 Retiree Medical Plan and COBRA coverage costs on [ANNA](#).

6 MONTHS  
BEFORE YOUR  
INTENDED  
RETIREMENT  
DATE

- Gather all personal documents necessary for retirement processing.
- Schedule an appointment with the Social Security Administration (age 61 and nine months or older, four months prior to retirement) by calling 1-800-772-1213 or visiting [www.ssa.gov](http://www.ssa.gov).
- Contact Fidelity online [www.401k.com](http://www.401k.com) or by phone at 800-835-5092 to discuss post-retirement options regarding your Arkema 401(k) account:
  - Remain in the plan
  - Request lump sum or rollover
  - Receive periodic payments
  - Review and update your beneficiary, if necessary

**If you are eligible for a pension from Arkema:**

- Initiate the retirement process with the Arkema Benefits Center by phone at 1-800-406-9823 or online at [www.arkema.mercerhrs.com](http://www.arkema.mercerhrs.com).
- Verify personal and spouse information.
- Select last day of employment.
- Select date to start pension benefit, and review payment options.
- Complete federal and state tax withholding forms.
- Complete Direct Deposit form.
- Sign pension forms, along with spouse (if applicable) and return the Election Package to the Arkema Benefits Center at least 45 days prior to retirement.
- Finalize your retirement date and talk to your supervisor.
- Review your pension (if applicable) and 401(k) distribution options.

3 – 4 MONTHS  
FROM YOUR  
INTENDED  
RETIREMENT  
DATE

- Consider other benefits.
  - Consider applying for Social Security (age 61 and nine months or older, four months prior to retirement).
  - Enroll in Medicare (during the 7-month period that begins 3 months before the month you turn 65, includes the month you turn 65, and ends 3 months after the month you turn 65) – learn more at [www.medicare.gov](http://www.medicare.gov).

IMMEDIATELY  
FOLLOWING  
RETIREMENT

- If you have not already done so, enroll in, defer or waive Arkema Pre-65 Retiree Medical Plan coverage (if applicable) by calling the Arkema Benefits Center at 1-800-406-9823.
- Make COBRA elections, if desired (COBRA enrollment information will arrive at your home approximately two weeks following your last day of work).
- Review life insurance for conversion or portability, if applicable (review the letter that you will receive at home from the Arkema Corporate Benefits Department, and contact Securian at 1-866-365-2374).

AFTER  
RETIREMENT

- Contact Fidelity whenever you want to:
  - Make changes to your personal information
  - Update your address or your beneficiary's address for your 401(k)
  - Elect or update your beneficiary
  - Take your distribution (lump sum, rollover or periodic payments)
  - Select or change your tax withholding
- Contact the Arkema Benefits Center at 1-800-406-9823 whenever you want to:
  - Make changes to your personal information
  - Update your address for pension and pre-65 retiree medical benefits
  - Change your direct deposit information for monthly pension benefits (if applicable)
  - Make changes to federal or state tax withholding from your monthly pension (if applicable)
- Relax and enjoy your retirement!