Gen X Retirement Action Checklist

Review your current retirement savings and compare to benchmarks.
Create or update your household budget using our budgeting tool.
Max out 401(k) and IRA contributions (including catch-up at 50+).
Pay off high-interest debt (credit cards, loans).
Develop a Social Security strategy (62, 67, or 70).
Sign up for Medicare at age 65 to avoid penalties.
Review housing options: pay off mortgage, downsize, or relocate.
Establish an emergency fund (6–12 months of expenses).
Evaluate insurance needs: health, life, disability, long-term care.
Draft or update your will, trust, and medical power of attorney.
Create a succession plan if you own a business.
List all assets, accounts, and digital passwords for estate planning.
Explore second-act income opportunities (consulting, small business, rentals).
Plan a tax-efficient withdrawal strategy for retirement accounts.
Schedule annual financial check-ups with an advisor.