

AI model retirement checklist

Six steps and the next shutdown dates · all dates checked October 26, 2026

Before your model is switched off

- 1. List every model your systems use**
Exact model name and version, platform (e.g. OpenAI directly or Azure) and Region. Ask your partner.
- 2. Look up the platform's date**
Use the official page of the platform you buy from, not the maker's. Note the date you checked.
- 3. Make sure the warnings reach someone**
Check which email address gets the provider's notices. On Azure, set up Service Health alerts.
- 4. Decide on automatic switches**
Azure, the Gemini API and ChatGPT can move you to a newer model. Pin exact versions if you want control.
- 5. Test the replacement on your own cases**
Run real past cases through the replacement and compare results before it goes live.
- 6. Switch well before the date**
Plan the change weeks ahead, with a way back; keep a second model ready for systems that must not stop.

Selected shutdown dates, October 2026 to April 2027

Date	Platform	Models
Oct 31, 2026	Mistral	Z.ai GLM 5.2
Nov 13, 2026	Bedrock (7 Regions)	Claude 3 Haiku, 3 Sonnet, 3.5 Sonnet, 3.7 Sonnet
Nov 15, 2026	Azure (Foundry)	claude-haiku-4-5 (Anthropic lists it as active)
Nov 19, 2026	Azure (Foundry)	o1, o3, o3-mini, o4-mini and variants
Nov 19, 2026	Google Cloud	Gemini 3.6 Flash
Nov 30, 2026	Anthropic, Azure	Claude Sonnet 4.5
Dec 9, 2026	Azure (Foundry)	GPT-4o (2024-05-13), Mistral Medium 3, Ministral 3B
Dec 11, 2026	OpenAI	GPT-5, GPT-5 mini, GPT-5 nano, GPT-5 pro, o3, o3-pro
Jan 8, 2027	Bedrock (3 US Regions)	Claude Opus 4.1
Jan 14, 2027	OpenAI	GPT-4o, GPT-4o mini, GPT-4.1, GPT-4.1 mini
Jan 28, 2027	Google Cloud	Gemini 3.7 Flash
Feb 9, 2027	Azure (Foundry)	GPT-5, GPT-5 mini, GPT-5 nano (2025-08-07)
Feb 26, 2027	OpenAI	whisper-1 and gpt-4o transcription models
Mar 30, 2027	Bedrock	Mistral 7B, Mixtral 8x7B, Devstral 2, Gemma 3 and others
Apr 1, 2027	OpenAI	GPT-5.1, GPT-5.4 nano
Apr 8, 2027	Bedrock (31 Regions)	Claude Sonnet 4.5
Apr 14, 2027	Azure (Foundry)	GPT-4o, GPT-4o mini, GPT-4.1, GPT-4.1 mini, GPT-4.1 nano

Where each platform publishes its dates

OpenAI	developers.openai.com/api/docs/deprecations · ChatGPT: help.openai.com
Anthropic	platform.claude.com/docs/en/about-claude/model-deprecations
Google Gemini API	ai.google.dev/gemini-api/docs/deprecations
Google Cloud	docs.cloud.google.com · Model versions and lifecycle; Partner model deprecations
Microsoft Foundry	learn.microsoft.com · Model retirement schedule
Amazon Bedrock	docs.aws.amazon.com/bedrock · Model lifecycle (and Legacy)
Mistral	docs.mistral.ai/models · Deprecated & retired models

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