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SharePoint agents move to Agent Builder: upgrade your .agent files before March 2027

From mid-November 2026, new SharePoint and OneDrive agents are built in Microsoft Copilot Agent Builder, not saved as .agent files. Existing .agent files keep working until the end of March 2027, then stop. There's no automatic upgrade, so every agent needs an owner and a plan.

What changes, and when

Mid-Nov to early Dec 2026	"Create an agent" opens Agent Builder, and an Upgrade button arrives (MC1511052)
Coming soon	Agent Chat web part. Roadmap RM575298 shows preview in November 2026 and GA in January 2027
End of March 2027	.agent files keep working until then
Early to mid-April 2027	.agent files stop working in SharePoint, Teams and the Copilot app, including the Agent Link web part and the site chat pane
Being retired	Only the .agent file format. Agents in SharePoint and OneDrive stay
Doesn't carry over	Sharing (org-wide sharing can carry over), usage history, and a place in the site chat pane or as its main agent

Find and decide

1 **Inventory your .agent files**
Use the agent reports in SharePoint Advanced Management, or look for SharePoint agents in the agent registry. Owners can check "Owned by you" in Build in SharePoint, or My Files > Documents > Agents in OneDrive.

2 **Pick a path for each agent**
Microsoft's map: site Q&A, use Copilot in SharePoint. A repeatable site task, convert it to a skill. Named Q&A used across Microsoft 365, upgrade it in Agent Builder. A Copilot Studio agent, publish it to the Copilot app. Delete what nobody uses.

Set up and tell people

3 **Let creators share upgraded agents**
Choose all users, no users or specific users. This control applies only to agents built with Agent Builder.

`WHERE Microsoft 365 admin center > Agents > Settings > Sharing`

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4 Check licensing

Copilot in SharePoint and skills need a Microsoft 365 Copilot licence (newer Microsoft docs call it Microsoft Copilot). When unlicensed users use Agent Builder agents on pages, it counts under Copilot app pay-as-you-go.

5 Plan page and Teams changes

The Agent Link web part and the site chat pane give way to the Agent Chat web part, preview first, and the site main agent becomes Copilot. Upgraded agents must be re-added to Teams chats and channels.

6 Email site owners

"Your SharePoint agent [name] is a .agent file. These stop working after March 2027 and won't upgrade themselves. Please upgrade it, convert it or tell us to delete it by [date]. Note any usage figures you need first."

Watch out for

- "There's no automatic upgrade." Agents nobody upgrades or converts stop working after March 2027.
- Upgraded agents are shared with people, groups and email addresses, but not SharePoint groups. They're private until shared, though org-wide sharing can carry over.
- "Access to an agent doesn't grant access to its underlying SharePoint or OneDrive content."

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