Advanced and AJAX Options for the WooCommerce Free Shipping Bar

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To control when the free shipping message shows and make it update without a page reload, open **WPFactory > Left for Free Shipping > Advanced** in Free Shipping Bar: Amount Left for Free Shipping for WooCommerce. The behavior toggles there are free; the AJAX group and the option to ignore virtual products in the total are Pro.

Go to **WPFactory > Left for Free Shipping** (also reachable at **WooCommerce > Settings > Amount Left for Free Shipping**) and open the **Advanced** section.

Advanced options

Label	Option ID	Default	Free/Pro
Check shipping cost (show message when shipping total is zero)	`alg_wc_left_to_free_check_cart_free_shipping`	No	Free
Check for alternative free shipping	`alg_wc_left_to_free_shipping_check_free_shipping`	No	Free
Virtual products (hide text for virtual-only carts)	`alg_wc_left_to_free_shipping_check_virtual`	No	Free

Label	Option ID	Default	Free/Pro
Ignore virtual products in cart to reach the min amount	`alg_wc_left_to_free_shipping_ignore_virtual_products`	No	Pro
Clear notices (wipe notices on add to cart)	`alg_wc_left_to_free_shipping_clear_notices`	No	Free

What each option is for

- **Check shipping cost:** shows the **Free shipping reached** message whenever the cart's shipping total is 0 and a shipping rate is available, for example when a free shipping coupon or a zero-cost rate applies.
- **Check for alternative free shipping:** if the zone also has a Free shipping method that needs no minimum, the cart is treated as already qualifying.
- **Virtual products:** hides the message when every item in the cart is virtual, since nothing ships.
- **Ignore virtual products in cart to reach the min amount** (Pro): subtracts virtual items from the cart total, and makes the WooCommerce Free shipping method ignore them too, so downloads or services cannot unlock free delivery.
- **Clear notices:** removes earlier notices when a product is added. Turn it on if messages appear twice.

AJAX options (Pro)

Enable AJAX so the amount updates without a page reload. This matters for the Store notice, for WooCommerce's "Enable AJAX add to cart buttons on archives", and for text placed outside the areas WooCommerce refreshes itself.

Label	Option ID	Default
Enable AJAX	`alg_wc_left_to_free_shipping_ajax_enabled`	No

Label	Option ID	Default
Additional events	`alg_wc_left_to_free_shipping_ajax_events`	(empty)
Added to cart event without AJAX	`alg_wc_left_to_free_shipping_ajax_added_to_cart_no_ajax`	No
Force update (update on any page load)	`alg_wc_left_to_free_shipping_ajax_force_update`	No

The plugin always listens for a core set of events: `updated_cart_totals`, `added_to_cart`, `removed_from_cart`, `wc_fragment_refresh`, `updated_checkout`, `wc_cart_emptied`, `updated_shipping_method`, and a built-in event fired when a Cart or Checkout block total changes. Use **Additional events** only to add your own space-separated JavaScript events. Enable **Force update** if a caching layer stops the amount from refreshing.

What AJAX refreshes

With **Enable AJAX** on, three outputs refresh live: the `[alg_wc_left_to_free_shipping]` shortcode, the Site-wide notice and the Default WooCommerce notice from the Store notice section. The Cart, Mini-cart and Checkout sections and the widget are not refreshed by it: they update when WooCommerce redraws that part of the page, or on the next page load.

Step by step: live updates on shop and product pages

1. Place the shortcode where you want the message, for example in a header block: `[alg_wc_left_to_free_shipping content="%amount_left_for_free_shipping% left for free shipping"]`.
2. In **Advanced**, tick **Enable AJAX**.
3. If your theme adds to cart on single product pages with a page reload, also tick **Added to cart event without AJAX**.
4. If you use page caching, tick **Force update**.
5. Save changes, clear your cache and test by adding a product from the shop page.

If it does not work

- **The shortcode still shows the old amount:** AJAX is off, or a cached page is served. Tick Force update and purge the cache. See Shortcode does not update on shop or product pages.
- **Cart page text lags behind quantity changes:** move it to a position inside the cart totals, which WooCommerce redraws. See Bar text does not update when the cart changes.
- **A theme's custom cart does not trigger updates:** find the JavaScript event it fires after adding to cart and add it to Additional events.

FAQ

Is AJAX updating free?

No, **Enable AJAX** is Pro. The other Advanced toggles, except ignoring virtual products in the total, are free.

Does Force update slow the site?

It sends one extra request per message on each page load, so enable it only when caching causes stale amounts.

Why is the message hidden for a cart with only downloads?

The **Virtual products** option is on, which hides the text when nothing in the cart needs shipping.



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The behavior toggles are free. Amount Left for Free Shipping Pro adds the AJAX engine and the virtual-products exclusion for accurate real-time updates.

See what Pro unlocks →

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