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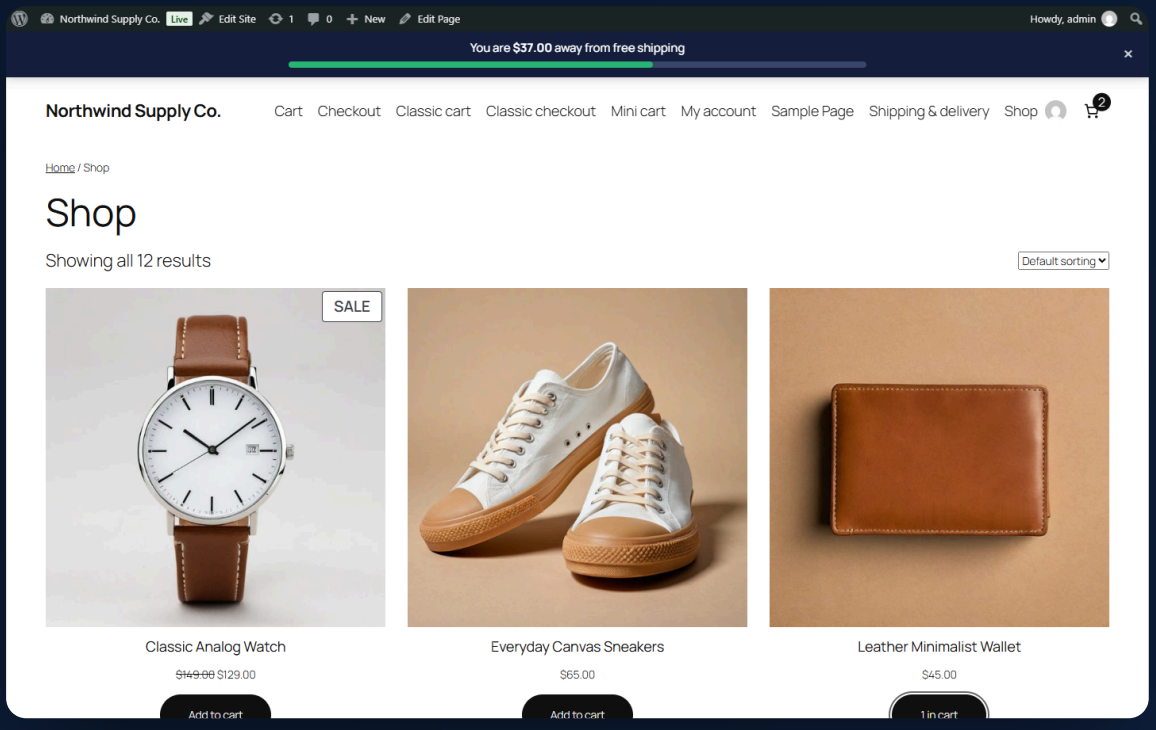

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Spendrail — Free Shipping Progress Bar for WooCommerce: user guide

Spendrail shows shoppers how much more they need to spend for free shipping. It reads the minimum amount of the WooCommerce "Free shipping" method in the shopper's shipping zone, so there is nothing to type twice, and it updates the bar without a page reload whenever the cart changes.

1. Installation

1. Download the Free or Pro .zip from your Code Craft account (or install the free version from WordPress.org).
2. In WordPress go to **Plugins** → **Add New** → **Upload Plugin**, choose the .zip, click **Install Now**, then **Activate**. WooCommerce must be active.
3. A new **Spendrail** menu appears in the admin sidebar.

Requirements: WordPress 6.4+, WooCommerce 8.0+, PHP 7.4+.

2. Activating the Pro licence

1. Open **Spendrail** → **Licence**.
2. Paste the licence key from your purchase email and click **Activate**.
3. Every plan covers one live domain. Monthly and yearly keys switch Pro off when they end and back on when renewed; you get a notice three days before. After paying a renewal, click **I have paid — check again**. Lifetime keys do not end.

When Pro switches off, the free features keep working and your Pro settings stay stored: the extra goals, zone rules, currency amounts, schedule and mini-cart bar simply stop until the licence is active again.

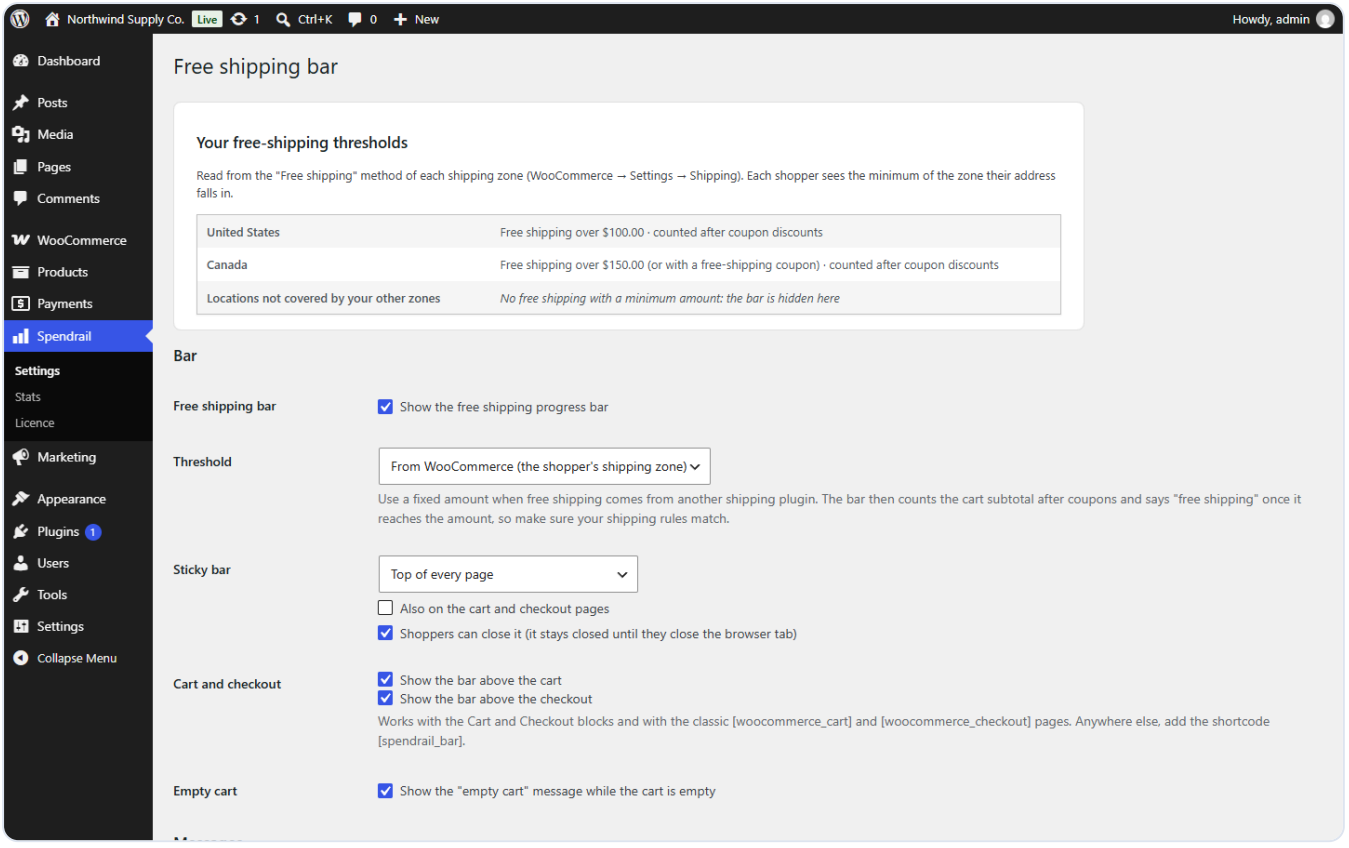
3. Set up free shipping in WooCommerce first

Spendrail follows your shipping settings. In **WooCommerce** → **Settings** → **Shipping**, open a zone, add the **Free shipping** method and set **Free shipping requires...** to "A minimum order amount", "A minimum order amount OR a coupon" or "A minimum order amount AND a coupon", with the amount.

- **Apply minimum order rule before coupon discount**: when ticked, coupons do not reduce the amount counted toward free shipping. Spendrail counts the same way.
- If your shop shows prices including tax, the amount counted includes tax, as in WooCommerce.

4. Settings (Spendrail → Settings)

Screenshot:



Your free-shipping thresholds

The card at the top lists every shipping zone and what the bar will use there, for example "Free shipping over $100.00 · counted after coupon discounts". Zones without a minimum-amount free shipping method show "the bar is hidden here".

Bar

- **Free shipping bar** — switch the bar on or off everywhere.
- **Threshold** — "From WooCommerce" (recommended) or "A fixed amount I enter". Use a fixed amount when free shipping comes from another shipping plugin. With a fixed amount the bar says "free shipping" once the cart subtotal after coupons reaches it, so make sure your shipping rules match.
- **Sticky bar** — top or bottom of every page, or off. "Also on the cart and checkout pages" adds it there too (by default those pages show the inline bar instead). "Shoppers can close it" adds a close button; the bar stays closed until the browser tab is closed.
- **Cart and checkout** — the bar above the Cart and Checkout blocks and above the classic [woocommerce_cart] and [woocommerce_checkout] pages.
- **Empty cart** — show the "empty cart" message while nothing is in the cart.

Messages

Plain text. `{amount}` becomes the amount still to spend and `{threshold}` the free-shipping minimum, both as prices in your shop's format. HTML is shown as text, never run.

- Empty cart (default "Free shipping on orders over {threshold}")
- Not there yet (default "You are {amount} away from free shipping")
- Free shipping reached (default "Nice, your order ships free!") — shown only when WooCommerce really offers the free-shipping rate for the cart.

Colours

Background, text, progress and track colours, with a colour picker.

Data

Delete all plugin data when the plugin is deleted — off by default, so replacing the free version with Pro keeps your settings.

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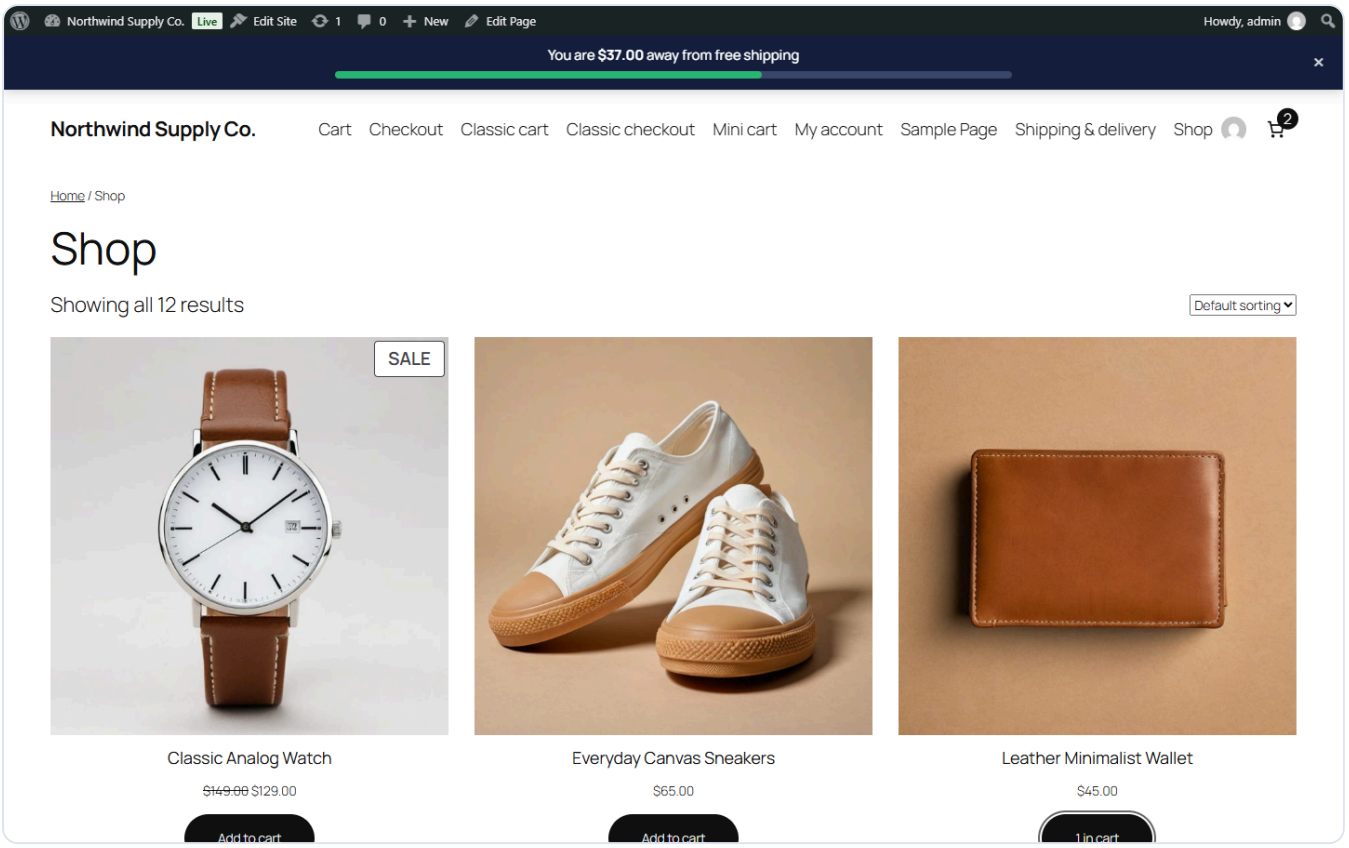
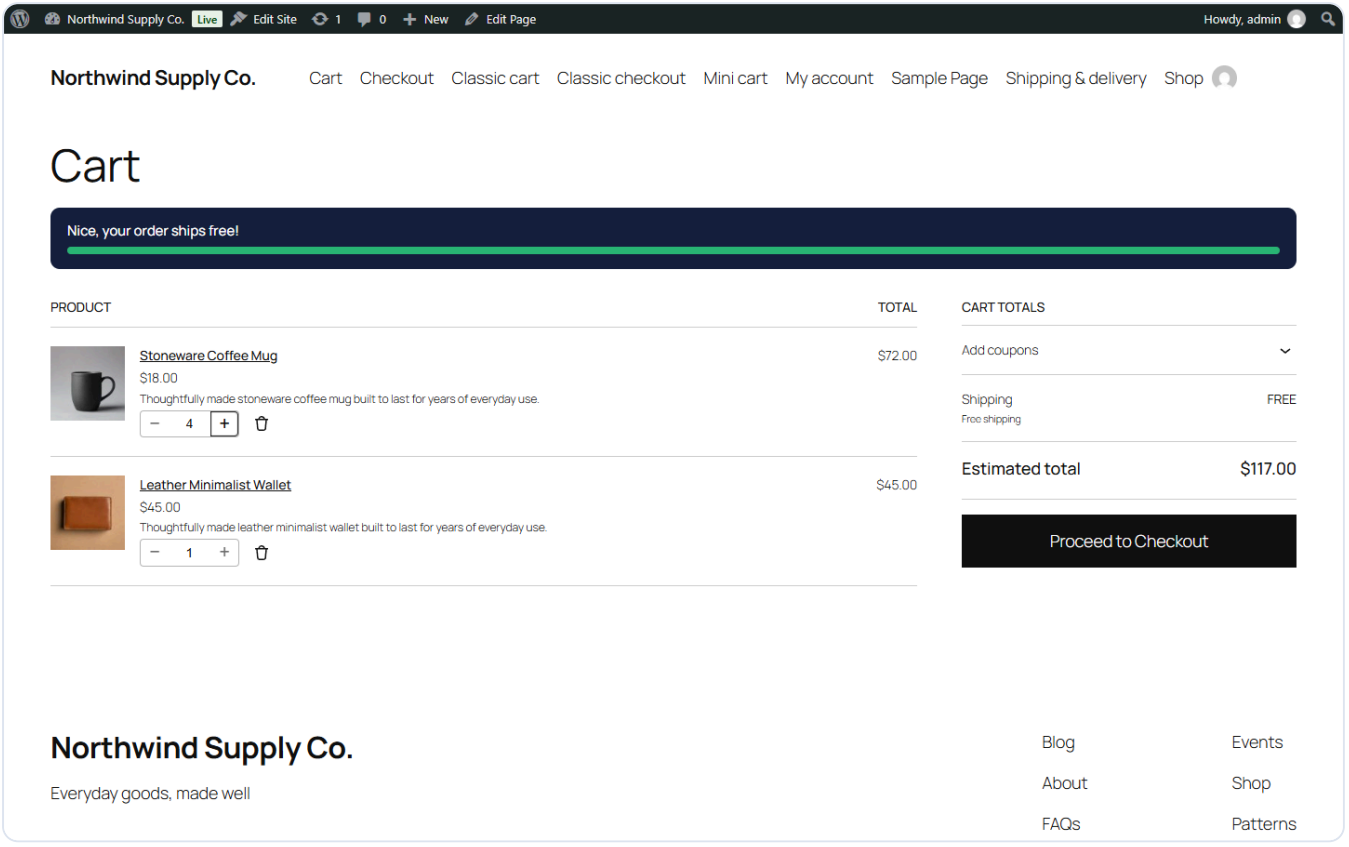
5. Where the bar shows

- **Sticky bar** on every page.
- **Cart block / classic cart.**
- **Checkout block / classic checkout.**
- **Shortcode** `[spendrail_bar]` in any page, post or widget.
- **Pro: mini-cart** — inside the Mini-Cart block drawer and the classic mini-cart widget.

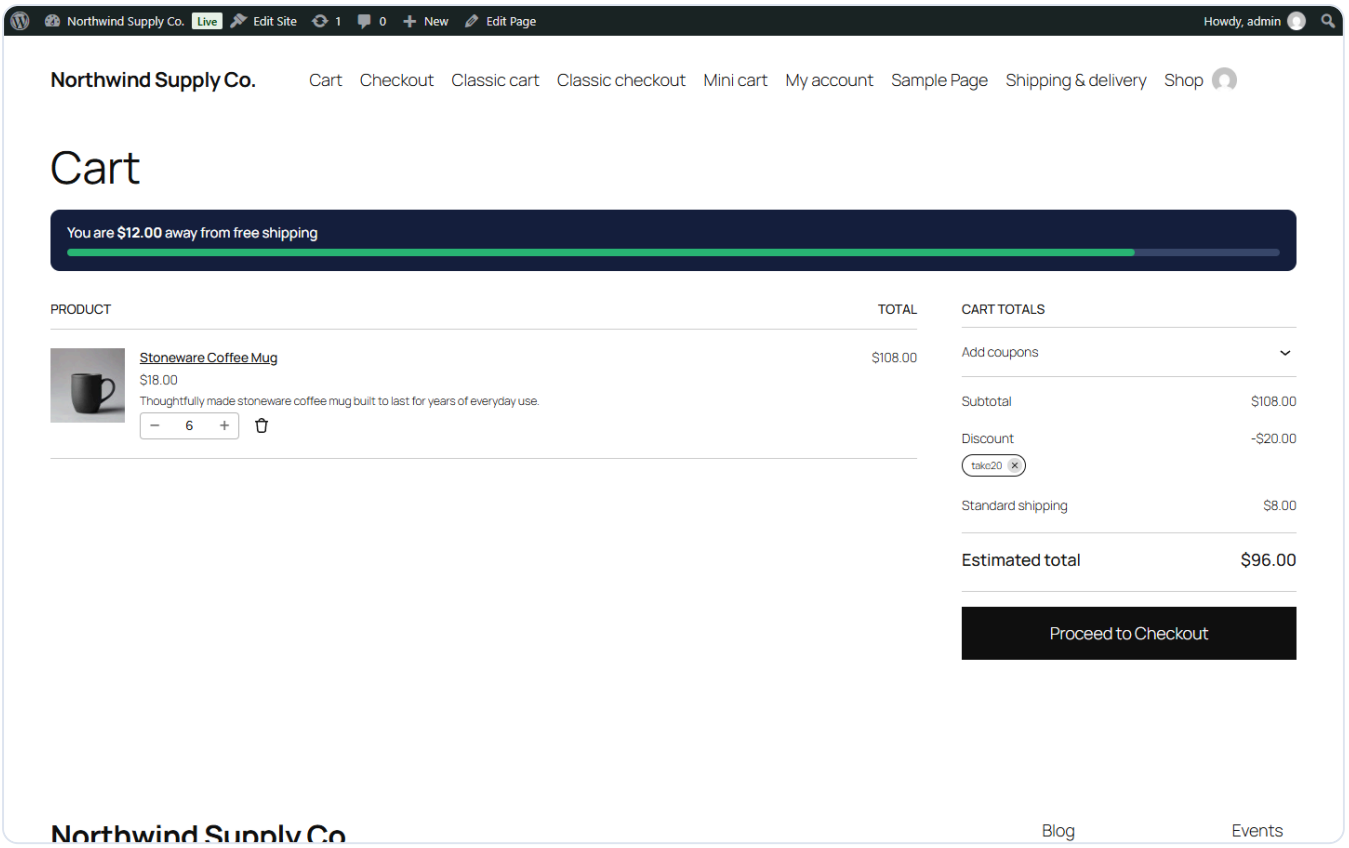
The sticky bar on the shop:



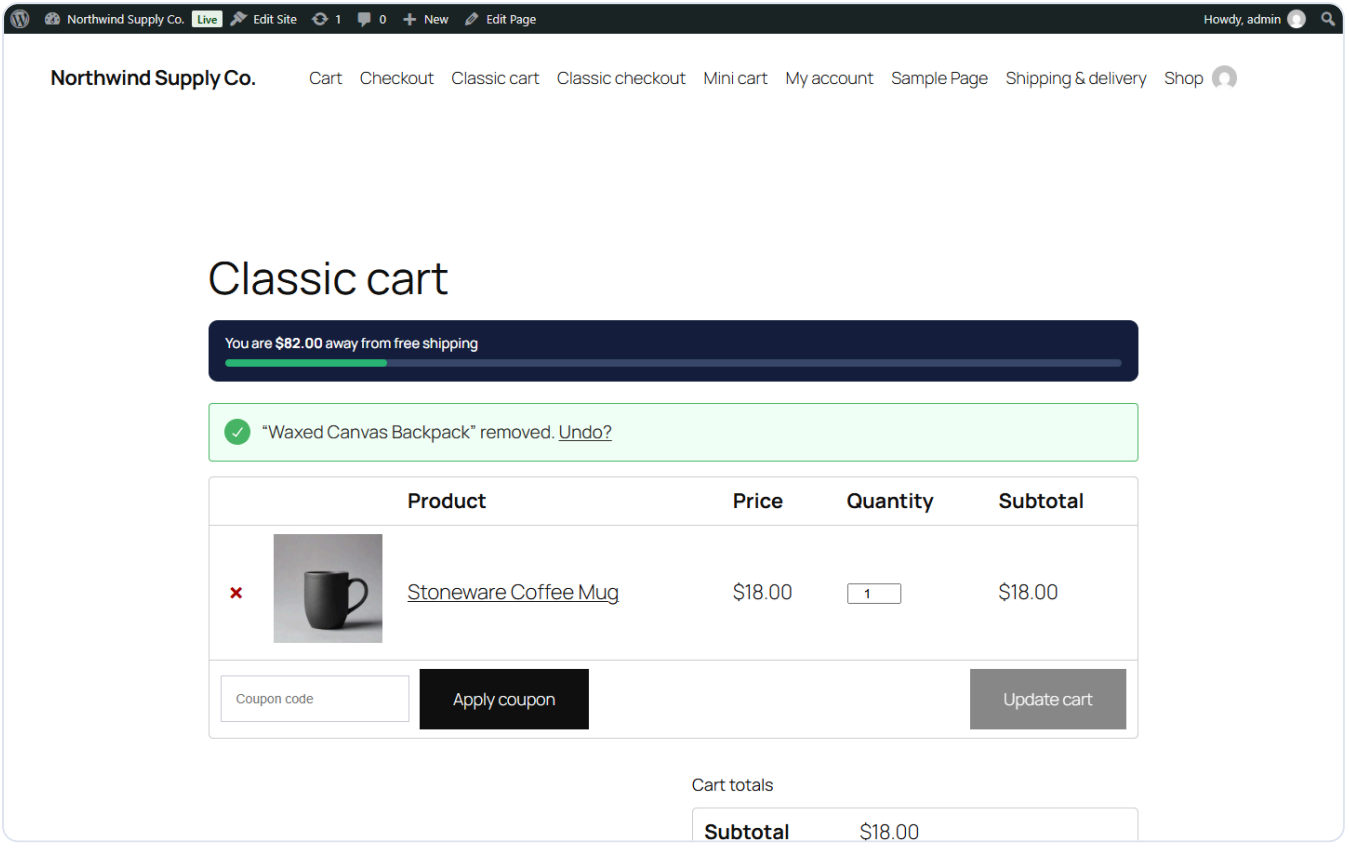
Free shipping reached in the Cart block:



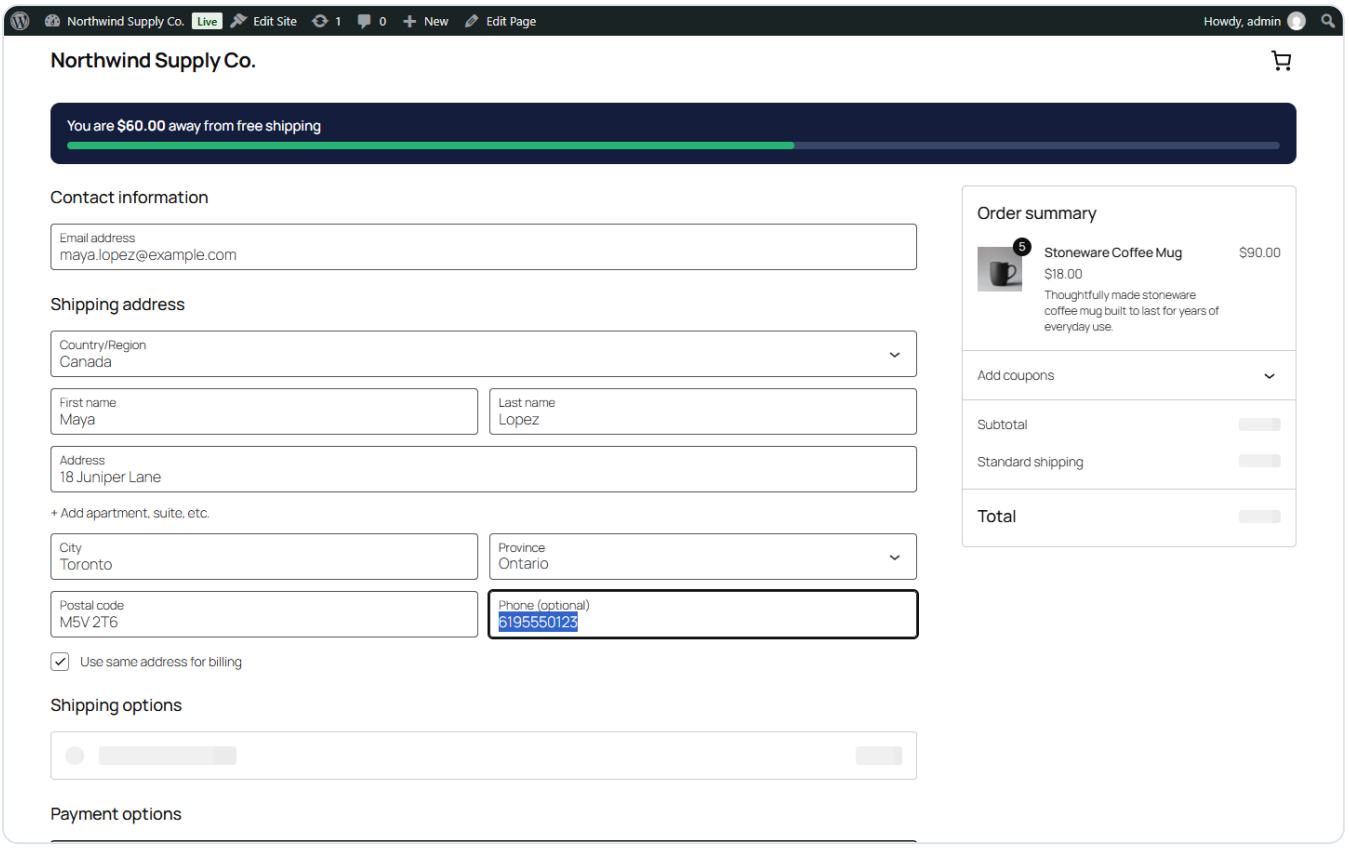
A $20 coupon counted the way WooCommerce counts it:



The classic cart:



The checkout follows the shopper's zone (Canada, $150 minimum):



The bar refreshes after products are added from shop buttons, after quantity changes and removals in the cart, after coupons and after address changes on the checkout, without a reload.

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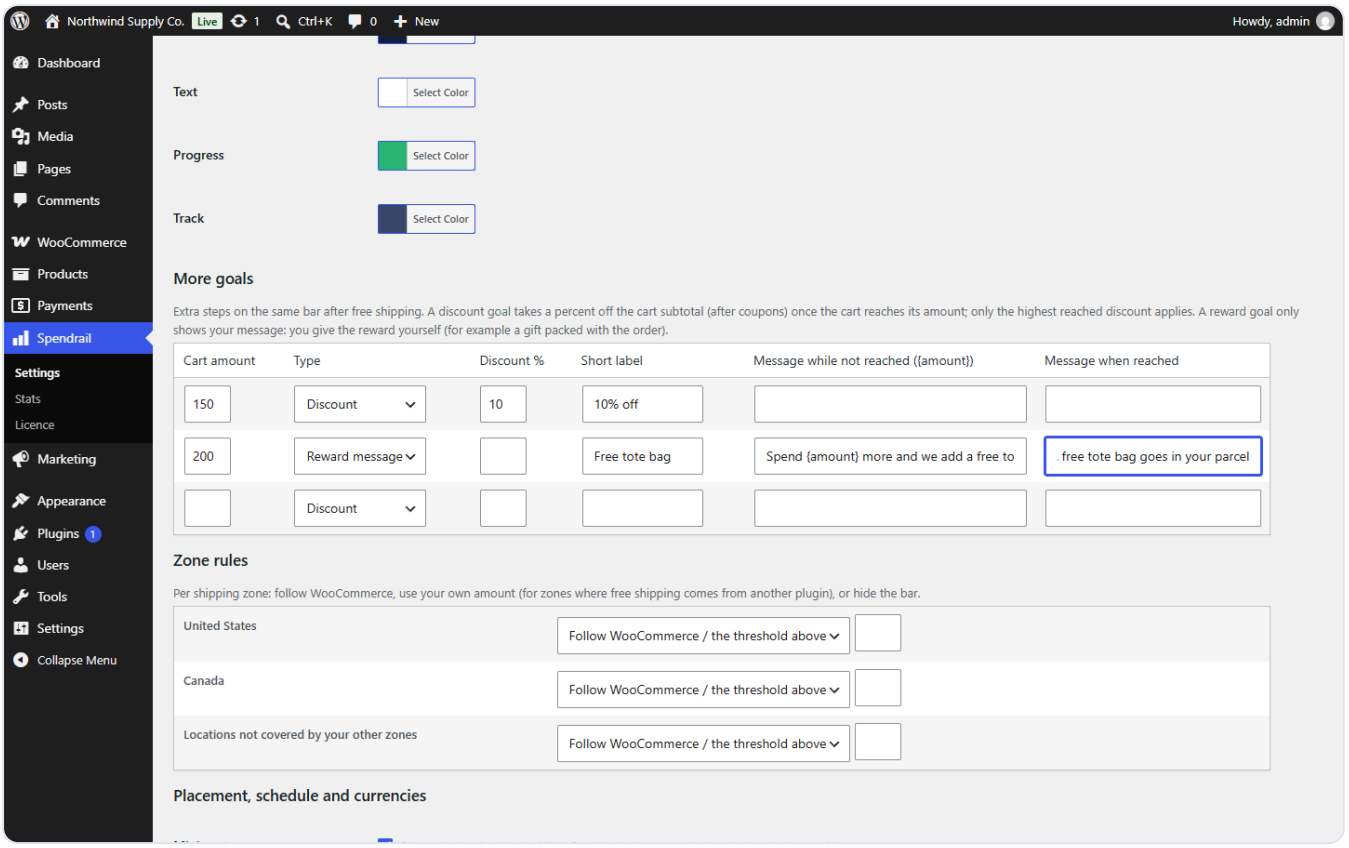
6. Pro features

More goals

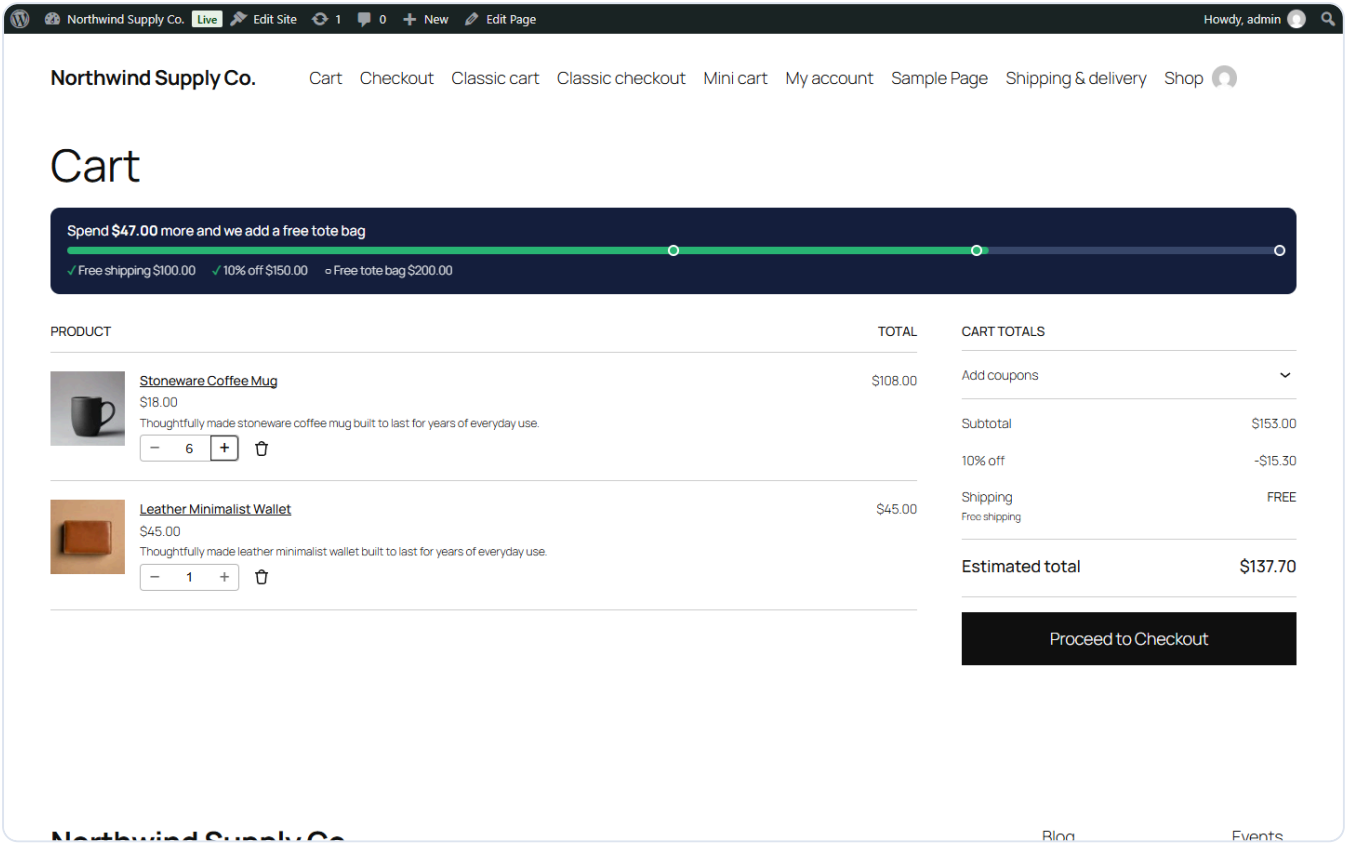
Up to three extra steps after free shipping, each with a cart amount:

- **Discount** — a percent off the cart subtotal (after coupons, before tax) once the cart reaches the amount. It is added as its own cart line (for example "10% off −$15.30") on the block and classic cart and checkout and saved on the order. Only the highest reached discount applies.
- **Reward message** — only shows your message, for a reward you give yourself (for example a gift packed with the order). Spendrail does not add a product to the cart. The bar shows a marker per goal and a list with ticks for the goals reached. Extra goals apply in the store's base currency only.

The goal settings:



The bar with three goals in the cart:



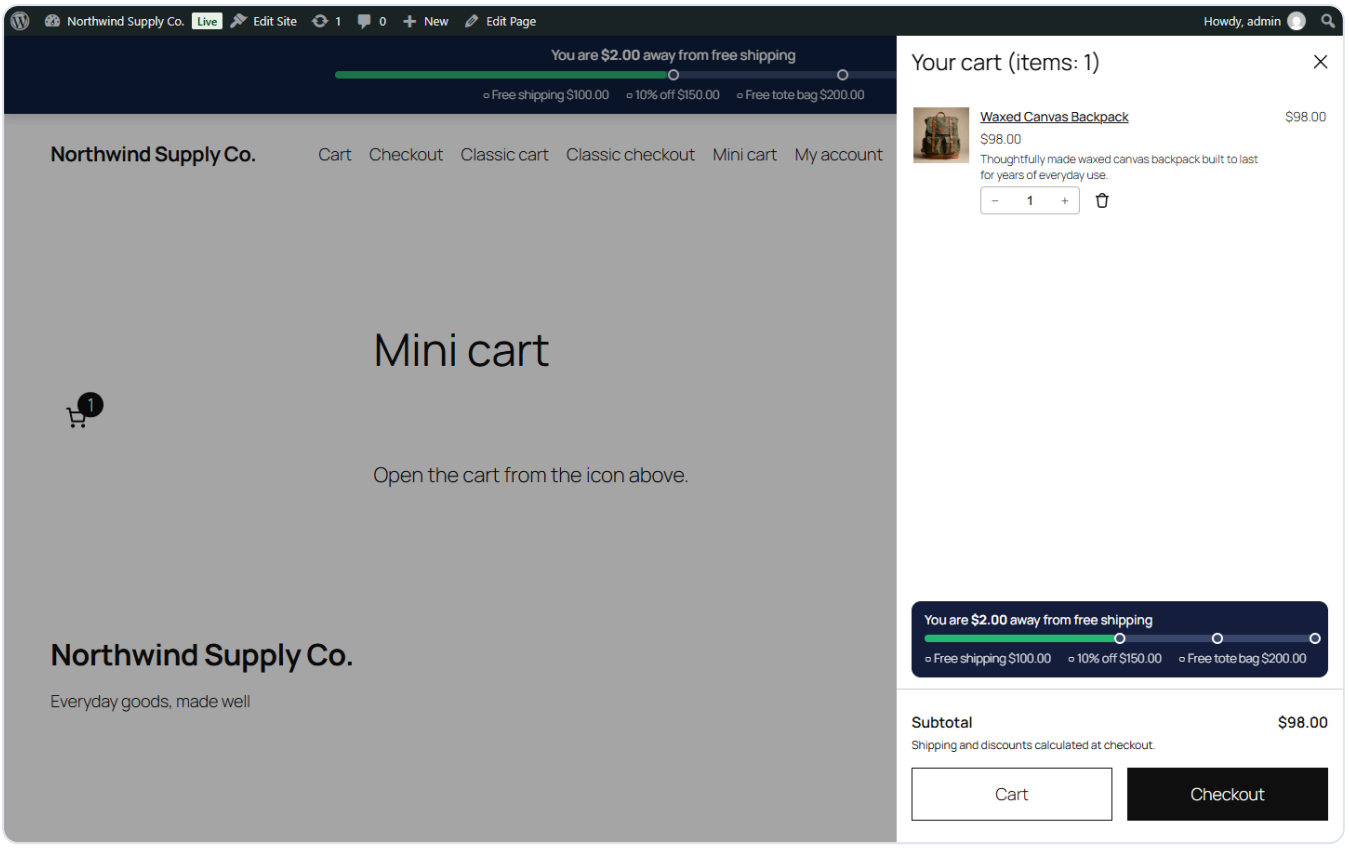
Zone rules

Per shipping zone: follow WooCommerce, use your own amount, or show no bar in that zone.

Mini-cart

Shows the bar inside the Mini-Cart block drawer and the classic mini-cart widget.

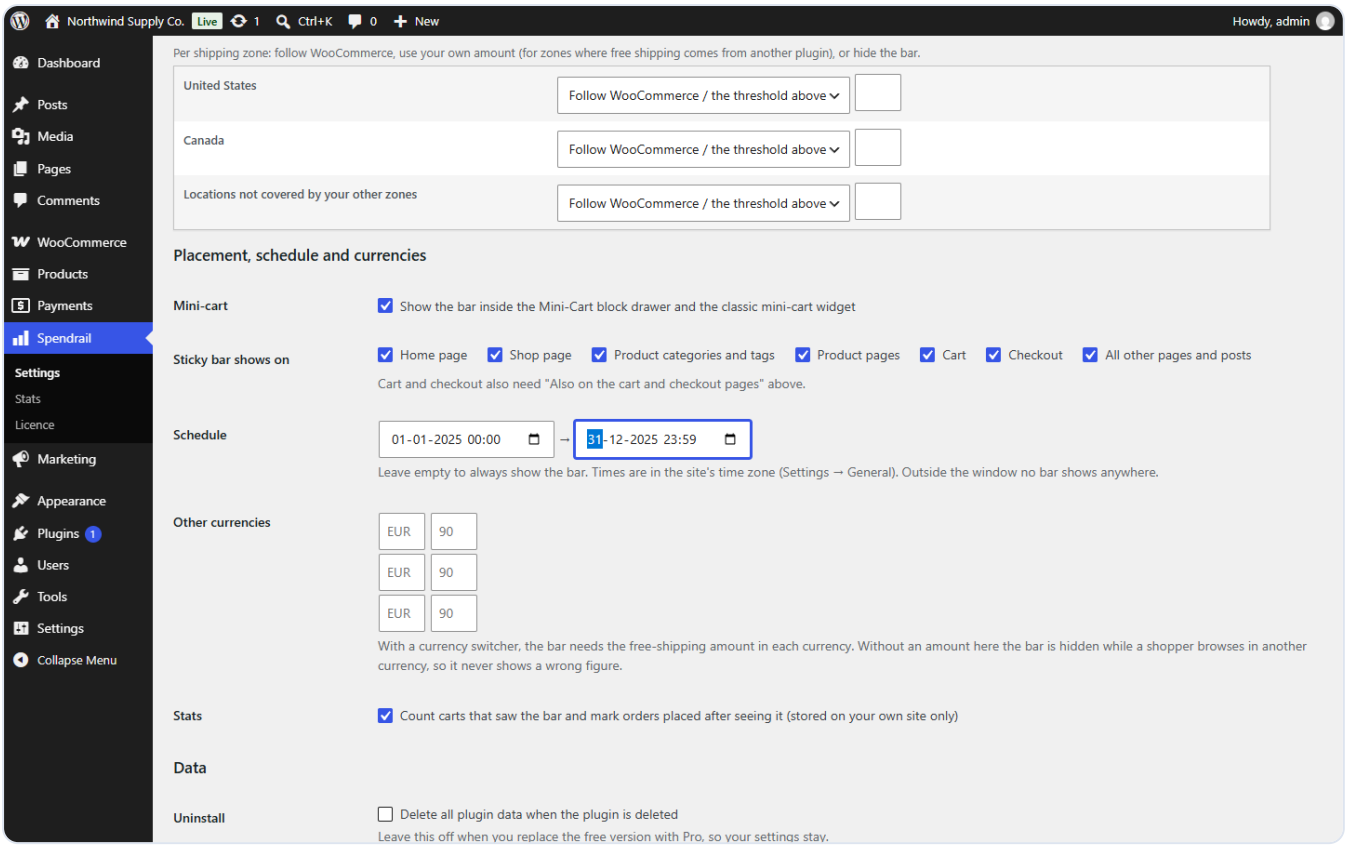
The Mini-Cart drawer:



Schedule and page targeting

Show the sticky bar only on the page types you tick (home, shop, categories, products, cart, checkout, other pages), and only between a start and end date (site time zone). Outside the window no bar shows and goal discounts stop.

Schedule settings:



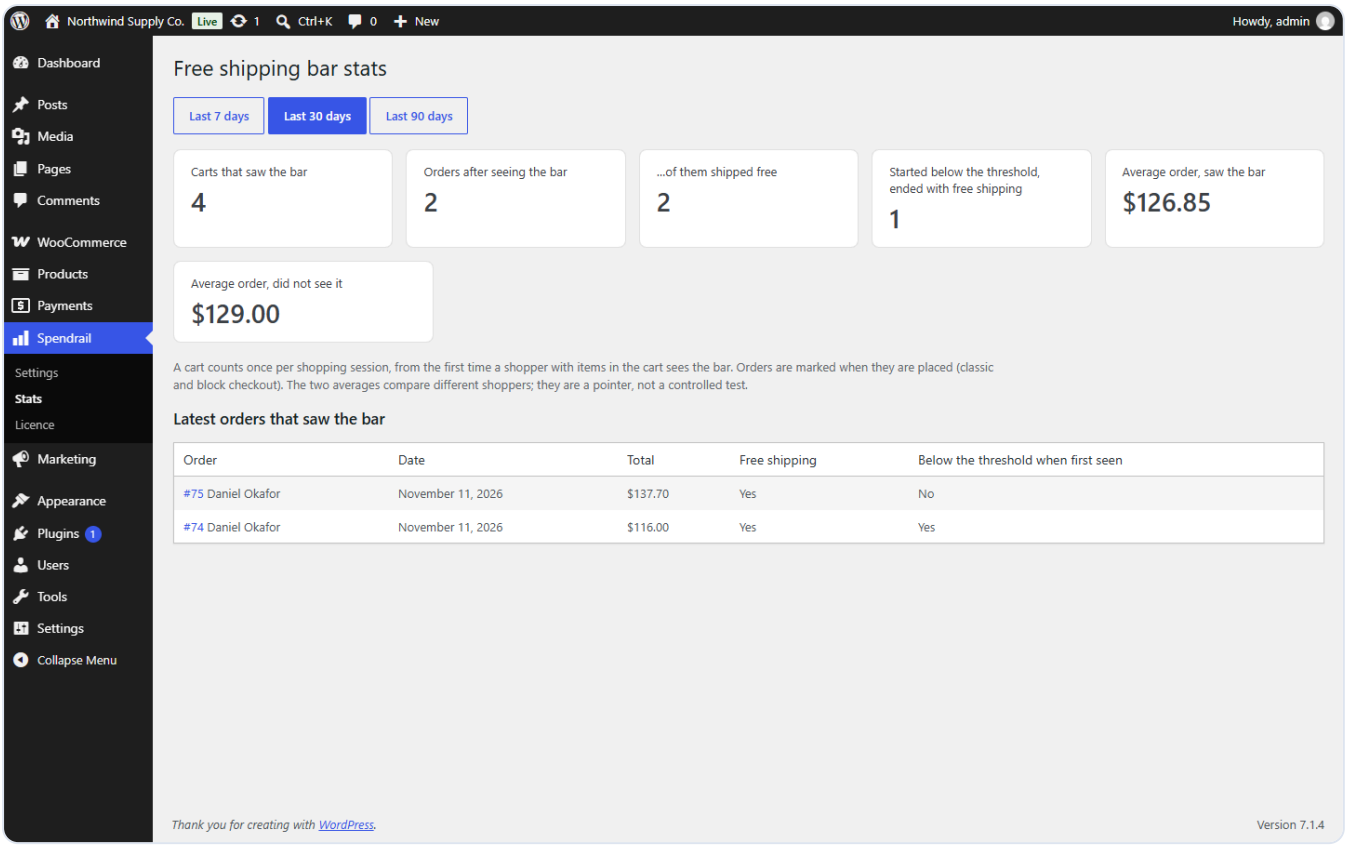
Currencies

With a currency switcher, enter the free-shipping amount for each extra currency (for example EUR 90). Without an amount the bar hides while a shopper browses in that currency, so it never shows a wrong figure.

Stats (Spendrail → Stats)

For the last 7, 30 or 90 days: carts that saw the bar (once per shopping session), orders placed after seeing it, how many of those shipped free, how many started below the threshold and ended with free shipping, and the average order value of orders with and without the bar. The two averages compare different shoppers; they are a pointer, not a controlled test.

The stats screen:



7. FAQ

The bar does not show. Check the zone card at the top of the settings: the shopper's zone needs a Free shipping method with a minimum amount (or set a fixed amount). Also check that the bar is switched on and, in Pro, the schedule and page targeting.

The bar shows "$0.00 away" but no free shipping. It does not: when the amount is reached but WooCommerce does not offer free shipping (for example the method also needs a coupon), the bar hides instead.

Does it work with page caching? The bar checks the cart cookie on load and asks for the current state when the cached page is out of date.

8. Troubleshooting

- After changing a shipping method, reload the cart page: WooCommerce recalculates shipping then.
- If a theme hides fixed elements at the top, switch the sticky bar to the bottom.
- Hooks for developers: filters `nbfs_threshold`, `nbfs_goals`, `nbfs_state`, `nbfs_active`, `nbfs_show_sticky`; the browser event `nbfs:updated` and `window.nbfsRefresh()`.